

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.111 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

At the outset, Applicants and Applicants' representative sincerely thank Examiner Gray of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for her time and consideration in participating in an interview with Applicants' representative on March 31, 2011. The Interview Summary accurately reflects the substance of the interview.

By the above amendments, claim 22 has been amended for clarification purposes and now recites that "A is a covalent bond or an aliphatic hydrocarbonaceous radical having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms", and "R₁ is a linear or cyclic, aromatic or aliphatic, hydrocarbonaceous radical having at least 2 carbon atoms". That is, the phrase "and, optionally, heteroatoms" has been deleted from such recitations. Claim 22 has also been amended to delete the phrase "1,3-propanediol, 1,2-ethanediol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,5-pentanediol, 1,6-hexanediol or polytetrahydrofuran". Claim 30 has been amended to depend from claim 22.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 22 as amended is non-obvious over the applied art for at least the reasons set forth in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 filed on February 7, 2011, and for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.

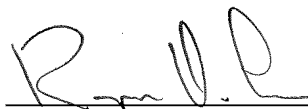
From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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